

PROPOSAL: 2018 Robert Lee Ranch Public Elk Hunting Access Agreement

Under the provisions of 87-2-513 MCA, FWP requests that the Commission grant authority to the Department to issue the following either-sex elk permits for use only on land enrolled in the Robert Lee Ranch Public Elk Hunting Access Agreement:

- a) One (1) 411-22 either-sex elk permit to Robert Lee (or designated family member), landowner/cooperator.
- b) Four (4) 411-22 either-sex elk permits to hunters randomly selected from the list of unsuccessful applicants for 411-20 either-sex elk permits.

Terms of the Public Elk Hunting Access Agreement include:

1. Approximately 5400 total acres of private land in Hunting District 511 will be enrolled.
2. Enrolled property will be open to public elk hunting with firearms from October 20, 2018 through November 25, 2018.
3. Permission may be obtained by contacting Robert Lee at (406) 473-2380.
4. Terms of access include:
 - a) The 4 hunters receiving 411-22 either-sex elk permits valid only on this enrolled land may hunt any day they call and request permission. Robert Lee will try to monitor elk use, and if elk are present, will offer to assist any of these four hunters with harvesting an elk. It will be the hunter's responsibility to contact Robert to arrange for access. Robert Lee will not be responsible for contacting any hunter to report the presence or absence of elk.
 - b) From 3-5 hunters per day, possessing a 411-20 either-sex elk permit, 411-00 antlerless elk license, 005-00 antlerless elk license or general elk license, will be allowed to hunt for antlerless elk on enrolled land throughout the period covered by this agreement.
 - c) There are no restrictions on the number of days Robert Lee or his designees can hunt his property.
5. Use restrictions include:
 - a) Travel by vehicle on established roads will be allowed, unless weather or fire danger prohibits vehicular travel.
 - b) Hunters will be required to walk from designated roads.
6. Hunter/landowner/Department satisfaction data will be acquired after the season through Department surveys of the landowner and hunters involved with this contractual Public Elk Hunting Access Agreement.

Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division Administrator

Date